1.	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	Kerala	Modernisation of379 jetties consolidated project proposal	61457	30729	199.00	Works of316 jetties com-pleted
7	Kerala	Modernisation and and improvement of waterway from Kotti to Kottapuram	32121	16061	15XJ0	Work in progress.
		TOWL	2114.756	1053.85	64&95	

Modern facilities at major ports

3758. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing major ports in the country have been equipped with all modern facilities required for efficient handling of cargo;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to modernise the major ports;

(d) whether Government have a time-bound programme; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The major ports are generally equipped with appropriate equipment to match the cargo mix, Vessels Traffic Management System to guide ships in the harbours and advanced technology in operation and management.

(c) to (e) Modernisation of ports is a continuous process. The following steps have been taken :—(i) Construction and equipping of new berths;(ii) Acquisition of state-of-art equipment to match the emerging cargo mix; (iii) Setting up of Vessels Traffic Management System; (iv) Labour training and welfare; (v) Increased role of private sector; and (vi) Corporatisation of major ports.